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Group: 2137

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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October 23, 2006

Sir:

The following is in response to the September 28, 2006 Office Action in which the Examiner alleges that restriction under 35 USC §121 is required and requested Applicants to elect one of the alleged inventions.

In response to the restriction requirement Applicants hereby elect without traverse invention Group I, claims 1, 3, 5 and 8 for further prosecution on the merits. Accordingly, an Office Action examining claims 1, 3, 5 and 8 is respectfully requested.

To the extent necessary, the applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment of fees, to the deposit account of MATTINGLY, STANGER, MALUR & BRUNDIDGE, P.C., Deposit Account No. 50-1417 (501.42780X00).

Respectfully submitted,

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